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JMM:

Recommend for signature the attached reply to OMB on HEW proposed legislation which would credit:

- (a) under Social Security, Federal service insufficient to establish Civil Service retirement eligibility;
- (b) under Civil Service, partially, past Social Security service.

I contacted Social Security Administration and was advised prospects for the legislation are not bright.

I contacted State and their disposition is to defer to the views of the Civil Service Commission.

--Personnel learned from Civil Service that they oppose the legislation. Personnel recommends that we defer to the Civil Service Commission.

--OMB, in asking for our views, probably intended that we comment on the proposal in relation to CIARDS, but since their request is not explicit in this respect, I believe we can properly defer on the grounds that HEW's proposed legislation deals solely with the Civil Service Retirement system which is administered by CSC.

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OMB

7 JUN 1971

Mrs. Naomi R. Sweeney
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Dear Mrs. Sweeney:

This is in response to your request for our views on the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's proposal to combine earnings credits under the Social Security and Federal Civil Service Retirement Systems.

Since HEW's draft proposal applies solely to the Civil Service Retirement System, we defer to the views of the Civil Service Commission both as to the general principles involved and the method of implementation.

Sincerely,

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